UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS (UAV), P.O. BOX 34338, PHOENIX, AZ 85067

MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2013, AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY, PHOENIX, AZ 85012

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. by UAV Chairman Bob Madden, followed by Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chaplain Bo Bohach.

"Greetings & Remarks" - Ted Vogt, Director, Arizona Dept of Veterans' Services

Regarding Homeless Outreach, we must coordinate our efforts, Director Vogt supports partnering, a vet is a vet is a vet. Per DOD, from 2011 to 2016, one million will be leaving the military. 2014 will signify the end of US military forces in Afghanistan. Forbes Magazine's 3 year forecast is predicting Arizona as one of the top economies in the US. The Dept of Transportation is hiring 50 veterans, another Dept is hiring six homeless veterans. Due to the partial govt shutdown, the VA Regional Office is temporarily closing its doors; the State veterans benefits counselors located in the VA Regional Office bldg are moving temporarily to the State Veteran Home to continue to provide claims filing services. Biographical notes: Director Vogt born in Iowa and raised in Utah, graduate of the University of Arizona law school, Air Force service in the 2nd Gulf War. Director Vogt's email: tvogt@azdvs.gov

Presentation: "Phoenix Suns Game – Veterans are Invited" – Lauren Hallam, Phoenix Suns Staff. Military Appreciation Night is Sunday, November 10th. 50/50 cash raffles are conducted at all Suns games. Lauren also has 100 vouchers for the Josh Groban concert. Her email is: lhallam@suns.com

Presentation: "Foothills Veterans Memorial Project, Town of Carefree, Arizona" - Mike Farrar,

Councilman; and John Crane, Navy submarine veteran

The town of Carefree, Arizona is embarking on building a Veterans Memorial. The building process is estimated to be 18 months. November 11th will be the 5th Veterans Day event in Carefree, to include keynote speaker Blaine Keith, LtCol, USMC, Retired astronaut; other speakers, and partnering with American Legion Post 34.

Presentation: "Arizona Veterans Legal Clinics," Roger K. Ferland, Attorney Mr. Ferland reported that there is lack of legal counsel for veterans in the area of family law, economic law, and estate planning. 285 attorneys have volunteered to help veterans who are among the working poor. The first legal clinic will be held on Saturday, Oct 19th, 9 am at the DAV Chapter 20 bldg in Glendale, 8447 N 61st Ave. Appointments are required, to schedule an appointment, and receive forms needed for the clinic, please contact Norman Fulton, Legal Clinic Director, DAV, at: 303.249.5827 or email: nsfultoniii@gmail.com

ROLL CALL: Roll call taken, quorum certified.

SEPT 7, 2013 MINUTES: Motion to approve by Secretary Carol Culbertson, seconded by Bernie Kaplan. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Treasurer John Burden. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, made by Corey Harris and seconded by Lew Bradley. Motion carried.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS - Chaplain Bohach appreciates receiving notifications of sickness and distress situations which come to the attention of our UAV representatives. Chaplain Bohach's contact information: 623.846.2212, email: rbohachbo@cox.net

REPORTS:

- 1. Congressional Offices James Pitts, Congressman Ed Pastor's Staff, District 7, distributed Constituent Services pamphlets. All Congressional offices provide constituent services such as ordering military records and medical records. Biographical notes: James is an Army veteran with 7 years of service. He is a former Veterans Benefits Counselor.
- **2. VA Medical Center Lance Robinson** reported that the VA medical staff is on duty, they are not furloughed, only IT and the attorneys. Medical claims are being processed. Mr. Robinson distributed a Fact Sheet describing 39 projects and services. The Mental Health bldg will soon be completed.
- 3. Arizona Dept of Veterans' Services: Ted Vogt, Director

A Legislative meeting is scheduled in two weeks to include the Vets Hiring Bill, MFRF/Military Family Relief Fund, GI Bill gap funding, restructuring AZDVS, State Veteran Homes, and free access to State parks for disabled veterans.

- 4. UAV Board of Directors Chairman Madden announced the appointment of Corey Harris as Chair of the UAV Legislative Committee, replacing Lionel Sanchez.
- 5. UAV Legislative Committee Corey Harris made a motion to extend the Copper Shield Award Nomination deadline to October 15, 2013, vice Sept 30th. Beth Nehring seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dave Lucier announced that a Lunch on the Lawn event is being planned for February 2014 on the grounds of the State Legislature.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Friday, October 25th AVHOF Induction Ceremony Bob Delker is in charge of the Induction Ceremony Script.
- 2. December 7th Commemoration Ceremony Bob Dalpe filling in for Judy Hatch Bob Dalpe and Dave Willis reported that the gun barrels were just moved into place this morning/October 5th. WWII veterans are especially invited to the December 7th Ceremonies.
- 3. Nominations Report from the Nominations Committee (Art Sloane, Jeanne Botwright, Bob Delker):

Chair: Rob Welch

Vice Chair: Terry Araman Secretary: Carol Culbertson Treasurer: Bob Hysko Directors (limited to 3):

Gene Crego Phil Hanson Judy Hatch Bob Skopac Art Sloane Reggie Yates

With thanks to the Nominations Committee Art Sloane, Jeanne Botwright, & Bob Delker!

NEW BUSINESS/OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. The December 7th UAV Meeting It was decided that a vote should be taken to resolve the conflict between the December 7th UAV Meeting and the December 7th Pearl Harbor Commemoration Ceremonies and dedication of the historic gun barrels from the USS ARIZONA and the USS MISSOURI. Parking at Wesley Bolin Plaza will be a problem. Motion made to cancel the meeting in deference to the Pearl Harbor Ceremonies made by Bob Delker and seconded by Lew Bradley. Motion carried: no UAV meetings on December 7, 2013.
- 2. Nominations to the AVHOF Copper Shield Award (Legislator of the Year Award) The extended deadline is Tuesday, October 15th. Criteria, Guidelines, and where to mail the Nomination is described on the Nomination Form. Point of contact: Corey Harris at email: armyharris@gmail.com

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There is a new AVHOF Society web site, the name of the web site is still: www.avhof.org

There is a Harris Dental company providing free dental care on Monday, November 11, 2013 (Veterans Day holiday), 7 am to 3 pm, 2 locations: Chandler and Mesa,

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Point of contact: Ron Capek, Secretary, AVHOF Society, email: ronluccap@gmail.com

- 2. Standdown Flyer is now available. Point of contact: Art Sloane at: artgbeard@aol.com
- 3. John Scott announced an upcoming event at the USVETSPHX facility on Grant Avenue. To contact John: jscott@usvetsinc.org
- 4. A Veterans Lunch on the Capitol Lawn is being planned for February 2014 (source: Mark Field, email: sunmags@aol.com)
- 5. Arizona StandDown will be February 14, 15, and 16th, Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Veterans/Volunteers are needed to work as ushers, etc. at the State Fair this Fall to help reduce the cost of renting the Coliseum in February. Veterans/Volunteers, please register at the Arizona StandDown web site: www.arizonastanddown.org/maricopa
- **6. 50/50 Raffle Winner:** Al Kerstetter \$18; Treasury, \$18.
- 7. Next Meeting: Saturday, January 4, 2014, State Veteran Home Phoenix, Liberty Hall on the second floor, 10 am to Noon

Closing prayer given by Chaplain Bohach.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/CAROL CULBERTSON Secretary, Unified ArizonaVeterans Email: claudehc@yahoo.com

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ACTION LOG

Discussion of raising the UAV Dues beginning in January 2014 will be discussed at a later date.